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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, MASS, GR, TU  
SUBJECT: U.S.-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION: TELEPHONE MESSAGE  
FROM BITSIOS

REF: ATHENS 5614

1. FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS HAS JUST TELEPHONE TO  
GIVE ME AN INTERIM REPORT ON WHERE MATTERS STAND WITH RESPECT  
TO THE DISCUSSION HE AND I HAD YESTERDAY (REFTEL). HE SAID  
THAT PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS HAD BEEN INFORMED OF OUR  
POSITION AND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WAS CONSIDERING THE  
MATTER AND WOULD LET US KNOW HIS DECISION AND RESPONSE SOON.  
AS I KNEW, BITSIOS WENT ON, CARAMANLIS WAS ALMOST FULLY  
OCCUPIED AT THE PRESENT TIME WITH THE IMPORTANT VISIT OF  
ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS. BITSIOS SAID HE WOULD CALL ME AS SOON  
AS HE HAD FURTHER WORD FROM THE PRIME MINISTER BUT HE WAS  
UNABLE TO SAY WHEN THAT WOULD BE, ALTHOUGH HE  
INDICATED HE HOPED AND EXPECTED IT WOULD BE VERY SOON  
AS HE HIMSELF CONTINUED TO FAVOR THE RESUMPTION OF  
OUR TALKS IN ATHENS ON MONDAY, JUNE 20.  
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2. I ASKED HIM IF HE WAS SAYING THAT HE THOUGHT OUR  
TEAM OF EXPERTS SHOULD PREPARE TO COME TO ATHENS THIS  
WEEKEND TO RESUME THE TALKS ON MONDAY. BITSIOS SAID  
THAT THAT WAS ENTIRELY UP TO US, THAT HE HIMSELF WANTED  
THE TALKS TO RESUME THEN. I SAID NO, THAT IT WAS UP TO  
THE GREEK GOVERNMENT AND ITS RESPONSE WHETHER OR NOT

THE TEAM WOULD COME. HE SAID IN THAT EVENT WE WOULD JUST HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S DECISION AND HE WOULD LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS HE COULD.

3. THIS IS THE STATUS OF THE MATTER AS OF MIDDAY TODAY (FRIDAY), ATHENS TIME. WE WILL SEND ANOTHER MESSAGE ON THIS SUBJECT EARLY THIS EVENING. I CONTINUE TO THINK AND RECOMMEND THAT OUR TEAM SHOULD BE STANDING BY TO COME TO ATHENS PREPARED TO RESUME THE DISCUSSIONS ON MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 20, AS WE HAVE ALL ALONG ALLOWED THE GOG TO BELIEVE WE WERE PREPARED TO DO AND AS WE SPECIFICALLY PROPOSED YESTERDAY, IF THEY DECIDE TO ACCEPT OUR PROPOSAL, ALTHOUGH IN VIEW OF CARAMANLIS' INITIAL HESITATION THE CHANCES ARE OBVIOUSLY SOMEWHAT REDUCED THAT THEY WILL DO SO IN TIME.  
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